COMPLETE SET OF PENDING CLAIMS

Below is a complete set of claims pending in the present application, showing amendments to claims 1, 9, 10, 17, 18, and 26.

- 1. (Currently amended) A method for the prophylaxis of lesions in a mammal caused by a virus of the Herpesviridae or Poxviridae family, comprising topically applying a composition comprising a synergistic combination, said combination consisting essentially of 0.2 to 30 12.5% by volume of a C1, a C2, or a C3 alcohol or a C2, C3, or C4 diol and a sufficient amount of an acid to adjust the pH of the composition to between 2.45 and 4.6, wherein said composition is applied during symptoms of pain, itching, burning, or tingling.
- 2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said alcohol is selected from the group consisting of methanol, ethanol, 1-propanol, and 2-propanol.
- 3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said alcohol is selected from the group consisting of 2,3-butanediol, 1,2-butanediol, 1,3-butanediol, and 1,4-butanediol.
- 4. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein said alcohol is ethanol.
- 5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said acid is an organic acid.
- 6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein said organic acid selected from the group consisting of glycolic acid, lactic acid, succinic acid, malic acid, citric acid and acetic acid.
- 7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said acid is an inorganic acid.
- 8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein said acid is hydrochloric acid.
- 9. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the pH of said composition synergistic combination is 2.45.
- 10. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the concentration of said alcohol in said composition synergistic combination is between about 0.2% and 12.5% by volume.
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- 12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said virus is herpes simplex 1.
- 13. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said virus is herpes simplex 2.
- 14. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said virus is Varicella-zoster virus.
- 15. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said virus is molluscum contagiosum.

- 16. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said composition is a preparation selected from the group consisting of a tincture, gel, ointment, cream, salve, lotion, lip balm, foam, spray and aerosol.
- 17. (Currently amended) A method for the prophylaxis of lesions in a mammal caused by a virus of the Herpesviridae or Poxviridae family, comprising topically applying a composition comprising a synergistic combination, said combination consisting essentially of 0.2 to 30 12.5% by volume of an alcohol selected from the group consisting of methanol, ethanol, 1-propanol, 2-propanol, 2,3-butanediol, 1,2-butanediol, 1,3-butanediol, and 1,4-butanediol, and a sufficient amount of an acid to adjust the pH of the composition to between 2.45 and 4.6, wherein said acid selected from the group consisting of glycolic acid, lactic acid, succinic acid, malic acid, citric acid, acetic acid, and hydrochloric acid, wherein said composition is applied during symptoms of pain, itching, burning, or tingling.
- 18. (Currently amended) The method of claim 17, wherein the pH of said composition synergistic combination is 2.45.
- 19. Cancel
- 20. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein said virus resides in the dermis or epidermis of a human or animal infected by said virus.
- 21. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein said virus is herpes simplex 1.
- 22. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein said virus is herpes simplex 2.
- 23. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein said virus is Varicella-zoster virus.
- 24. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein said virus is molluscum contagiosum.
- 25. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein said composition is a topical preparation selected from the group consisting of a tincture, gel, ointment, cream, salve, lotion, lip balm, foam, spray and aerosol.
- 26. (Currently amended) A method for the prophylaxis of lesions <u>in a mammal</u> caused by a virus of the Herpesviridae or Poxviridae family, comprising topically applying a composition <u>comprising a synergistic combination</u>, <u>said combination</u> consisting essentially of 10% by volume ethanol and 0.6% by weight glycolic acid, wherein the pH of the composition to between 2.45 and 4.6, wherein said composition is applied during symptoms of pain, itching, burning, or tingling.